

Amendments to the Specification:

Page 10, beginning on line 23, continuing on page 11, line 25 and 26:

These slots can also be utilized advantageously to provide a ground or a sinker.

In these embodiments the oxide is removed from the bottom of the slots that are going to be used for ground and sinker. Figure 2g illustrates oxide being removed from the bottom of a first and second slot.³³ allowing the metal in the slot to make contact to a buried layer 29 to replace the sinker process.